(b) Does not arise.

Ban on use of Mustard Oil

3748. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban the use of mustard oil for the manufacture of vanaspati;

(b) if so, the period for which the ban is proposed to be imposed;

(c) whether the vanaspati manufacturers have requested to shorten the period of ban; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has banned the use of expeller mustard oil in the manufacture of vanaspati from 1-8-91 and expect it to continue till the arrival of next rabi crop.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to provide raw-mustard oil to consumers for direct consumption at a reasonable price, situation can be reviewed only after the next rabi crop is harvested.

Setting up of Model Slaughter Houses

3749. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Leather Research Institute proposes to set up some model slaughter houses in rural areas with the assistance from some foreign organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up such a model slaughter house in Sikkim; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Central Leather Research Institute, Madras has only drawn up plans for a model rural slaughter house in Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of International Development Research Centre (IDRC, to study its technical and economic viability

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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Fertilizer Subsidy

3750. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of fertilizer subsidy withdrawn by the Government in the current budget;

(b) the percentage of increase likely to be registered in the prices of fertilizers by this action;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the adverse effect on the agricultural production; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Budget provision for subsidy for the year 1991-92 is Rs. 4000 crores as compared to a provision of Rs. 4400 crores in the Revised Estimates for 1990-91.

(b) Some low analysis fertilizers like Ammonium Chloride, Ammonium Sulphate, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Sulphate of Potash have been decontrolled and the prices of other fertilizers have been increased by 30% on an average by the Government.

(c) The increase in the price is not expected to affect the agricultural production adversely.

(d) Question does not arise.